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System and Method for Voice Control of Medical

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

In response to the Official Action mailed June 28, 2006 and a telephone interview with the Examiner on July 12, 2006, solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution of this case and without addressing the veracity of Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II (Claims 42-63). Group I (Claims 1-41) is withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer. This election is made to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application. Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's conclusion reflected in the Office Action.